

# Proclamation



Bob Buckhorn, Mayor

**WHEREAS**, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are collectively referred to as inflammatory bowel diseases (IBD), and in the United States of America over 1.4 million adults and children suffer from it, with approximately 70,000 new cases diagnosed each year; and

**WHEREAS**, named after Dr. Burrill B. Crohn, who first described the disease in 1932 along with colleagues Dr. Leon Ginzburg and Dr. Gordon D. Oppenheimer, *Crohn's disease* is a chronic inflammatory condition of the gastrointestinal tract, more familiarly known as the GI tract, mostly centered around the small bowel and the beginning of the colon, but can affect any part of the GI tract and it can affect the entire thickness of the bowel wall; and

**WHEREAS**, while *ulcerative colitis* is also a chronic inflammatory condition of the GI tract, it is limited to the large intestine and the inflammation occurs only in the innermost layer of the lining of the intestine, and the disease tends to run in families; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1967, the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to finding cures for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis and improving the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America funds cutting-edge medical and scientific research, provides supportive and educational programs, and endeavors to raise awareness about IBD, and its symptoms and available treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, the good health and well-being of the residents of our community are enhanced by increased awareness about inflammatory bowel diseases, and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America Florida Chapter is hosting a **Tampa Take Steps** event on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at Cotanchobee Fort Brooke Park in Tampa, Florida to raise awareness in the community and needed funding to support local services that assist those affected by IBD.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bob Buckhorn, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2014 as

## “Crohn's & Colitis Awareness Day”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to join me in doing their part in supporting the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America in their efforts to raise awareness and encouraging all endeavors to find a cure.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2014.



*Bob Buckhorn*

Mayor